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## INTIMATIONS.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**  
**THE SOUTHERN STAR MINSTRELS**  
 WILL GIVE  
**A SPECIAL GRAND PERFORMANCE**  
**THIS EVENING, (WEDNESDAY),**  
 18th July, 1883.  
 Doors open at 8.30 to commence at 9 sharp.  
 Prices of Admission: Dress Circle \$2.00,  
 Stalls \$1.00, Back Seats 50 Cents.  
 Tickets may be procured at Messrs. KELLY  
 & WALSH'S.  
 Hongkong, 18th July, 1883. [1863]  
**HASELMAYER'S RETURN.**  
  
 UNDER THE SPECIAL PATRONAGE OF  
 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, LADY  
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**PROFESSOR AND MADAME**  
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**FAREWELL SERIES OF SEANCES,**  
AT THE  
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Previous to their departure for India and  
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**TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AND MONDAY**  
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And

PROFESSOR HASELMEYER, assisted by his visitors, that the productions are such as can be witnessed with satisfaction and pleasure by those of the most fastidious and refined taste, who otherwise have objections to visit public entertainments.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle.....	\$2.50
Front Seats in Parterre.....	2.00
Back Seats.....	1.00
Children all over the House.....	1.00

SOUVENIRS AND MEN-OF-WAR'S MEN in uniform half price.

Season Tickets will be issued available for three nights, or Family Tickets admitting three.

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Dress Circle	.....\$3.00
Front Seats in Parterre	.....4.00
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Above Season and Family Tickets can only be had by subscription at Messrs. KELLY WALSH & not at the Theatre.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [18]

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NO. 171.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI AND NINGPO DISTRICT.

BONHAM ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Light on Bonham Island was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 14th instant.

The Light is a revolving Beacon of Dioptric of the Third Order, showing alternately red and white flashes at intervals of half a minute.

Between the bearings  $8.14^{\circ}$   $41' W.$  and  $47^{\circ}$   $39' W.$  the Light is obscured by the high land of Bonham Island, and to the northwards and eastward of Elliot, Raffles, and Sanchoan Islands it is also obscured from  $3.12^{\circ}$   $2' W.$  to  $3.82^{\circ}$   $16' W.$  with the exception of a narrow space between the bearings  $3.2^{\circ}$   $31' E.$  and  $3.05^{\circ}$   $42' E.$  between  $3.13^{\circ}$   $1' W.$  and  $3.39^{\circ}$   $19' W.$ , and between  $5.50^{\circ}$   $5' W.$  and  $5.60^{\circ}$   $11' W.$

The bearings are magnetic and from seaward the Light bears on a line with the north shoulder of the island, and the light, which is elevated  $237'$  feet above the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of  $22$  nautical miles.

The tower is round, of iron,  $25'$  feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vanes of  $47'$  feet.

The tower is painted in Red and White horizontal bands; the dwellings are white.

Approximate position—  
Latitude  $3^{\circ}$   $37' 31'' N.$   
Longitude  $122^{\circ}$   $25' 44'' E.$

**FOG GUN SIGNAL.**

The keepers at this Lighthouse on hearing of a fog-horn, steam-whistle, or any other sound, during foggy or thick weather, indicating the proximity of a vessel, will fire two guns, with an interval of one minute between each gun; and if the fog signal is still heard, will repeat the firing after an interval of eight minutes.

**CAUTION.**

Vessels should pass half a mile out to side of small islet represented on British Admiralty charts.

Chart No. 1199 is lying a little more than  
cables to the western extremity of the Island  
in order to avoid the outlying rocks, which  
projected from one to two fathoms at low water.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs  
A. M. BISEBE, Chief Inspector

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Coast Inspector's Office,  
Shanghai, 13th July, 1893. [S]

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW AND  
AMOI.

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for Ningpo, Coochau, Nswatzen, Tientsin,  
Hankow, and Shanghai, and the Y. waters).

THE COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP

**"THE DEUCALION."**

Captain Purdy, will be despatched T  
DAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,  
Hongkong, 17th July, 1893.

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA DIRECT.  
THE COMPANY'S Steamship

**"DIAMANTE."**

Captain Gellan, will be despatched for the ab  
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For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,  
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ARTISTIC FIREPLACE SCREENS and STOVE DECORATIONS.

## "THE NAUTICAL GRADE."

The latest Artistic Grade, in which the great waste of heat of open chimneys is obviated, it causes a slow combustion fire, cheerful and free from ash; consumption being about 1 lb. Coal per hour. In summer the grate can be removed leaving a pretty tiled room in which flowers and plants may be placed.

## FLORELL WARE

The new, Table Decorations, also Ruby, Amber, Gold Mottled and other pretty Flower Stands.

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HONGKONG, JULY 18th, 1893.

## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH HONGKONG.

Announced in yesterday's issue, is worthy of passing note. The kingdom of Siam long remained outside the circle of the electric wire after all the other important states of the Far East had been placed in communication with the outside world. This was partly owing, no doubt, to the indifference or apathy of the Siamese Government, partly, also, perhaps, to the fact that the foreign trade was not sufficiently extensive to render the merchants very eager on the subject. The telegraph connecting Bangkok with Saigon is at length, however, accomplished, and in a few weeks probably the capital of Siam will also be connected by wire with Burma and India.

It will thus be seen that, though tardy in securing the telegraph, the Siamese have at length made effectual provision for the maintenance of this means of communication when once secured. We only hope that it will be followed by a general awakening in Siam, and that the commercial activity of that productive country will receive a strong impetus upon its being brought into direct and constant communication with the great centres of trade in the East and the West.

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